

RECIPROCAL TRADE

*Exchange of notes at Washington April 14 and 22, 1944, amending
agreement of April 1, 1939
Entered into force April 22, 1944
Terminated August 4, 1952¹*

58 Stat. 1294; Executive Agreement Series 406

The Turkish Ambassador to the Secretary of State

TURKISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

No. 799/82

APRIL 14, 1944

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the trade agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America signed at Ankara, April 1, 1939,² Article I [1] of which reads as follows:

"Natural or manufactured products originating in the United States of America, enumerated and described in Schedule I annexed to this Agreement, shall, on their importation into the territory of the Turkish Republic, be accorded the tariff reductions provided for in the said Schedule.

"In the event that the Government of the Turkish Republic should increase the duties provided for in the said Schedule, such increased duties shall not be applied to the said products until two months after the date of their promulgation.

"If before the expiration of the aforesaid period of two months an agreement between the two Governments has not been reached with respect to such compensatory modifications of this Agreement as may be deemed appropriate, the Government of the United States of America shall be free within fifteen days after the date of the application of such increased duties to terminate this Agreement in its entirety on thirty days' written notice."

The duty on heavy mineral oils, Turkish tariff no. 695 D, and their residues, comprising machine oil, mazout, motorine, and other such combustibles,

¹ By exchange of notes at Ankara July 5, 1952 (not printed).

² EAS 163, *ante*, p. 1136.

as provided in Schedule I of the trade agreement, is 0.95 piastre per kilo, while the duty on kerosene, tariff no. 695 C, is 6 piastres per kilo.

During recent years the quality of motorine has been greatly improved so as to make it desirable to apply the same duties to motorine as to kerosene. To raise the duty on motorine to the level existing for kerosene would necessitate raising the price of motorine to such height as would cause harmful repercussions. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of Article I of the trade agreement, the Turkish Government contemplates reducing the duty on tariff no. 695 C to 3.30 piastres per kilo while raising that on tariff no. 695 D to 2.75 piastres per kilo (which with the existing excise tax on motorine of 0.55 piastre per kilo would amount to 3.30 piastres per kilo.)

In view of these circumstances I have the honor to inquire whether the Government of the United States would have any objection to these contemplated changes as described above.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

M. MÜNİR ERTEGÜN

The Honorable

CORDELL HULL

*Secretary of State of the
United States of America*

The Secretary of State to the Turkish Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1944

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of April 14, 1944, referring to Article I of the trade agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey, and explaining the desire of the Turkish Government to increase the duty on tariff no. 695 D from 0.95 piastres per kilo, as provided in Schedule I of the trade agreement, to 2.75 piastres per kilo and at the same time, in accordance with the provisions of Article I of the trade agreement, to reduce the duty on tariff no. 695 C from 6.00 piastres per kilo to 3.30 piastres per kilo.

In view of the circumstances described in Your Excellency's note I have the honor to reply that the Government of the United States does not object to the above-mentioned duty changes.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

CORDELL HULL

His Excellency

MEHMET MUNİR ERTEGÜN

Ambassador of Turkey